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British Medical Association.

CURRENT NOTES.

Taxation of Motor Cars.

In the JOURNAL of April 24th, p. 576, it was stated that the Chairman of the Medico-Political Committee of the British Medical Association had requested the Chancellor of the Exchequer to receive a deputation with regard to the proposed changes in motor car taxation set forth in the Budget. The Chairman pointed out that the medical profession would be injuriously affected in several directions. Their cars are used exclusively for purposes of their practice, and many of them have cars whose power is much exaggerated by the R.A.C. formula. The calculation of horse-power on that formula is unfair because it ignores the length of stroke and relies upon the diameter of the piston and the number of cylinders. Moreover, medical practitioners in sparsely populated districts are often practically compelled to keep two cars to avoid risk of breakdown in one. A similar communication was sent also to the Secretary of the Committee of Medical Members of the House of Commons. The Parliamentary Subcommittee met the medical members of Parliament at the House of Commons on Monday evening, April 26th, in order to discuss this matter. It was most strongly represented that the new taxation would be extremely hard upon medical men, because whereas in the past they were given a rebate on the petrol tax and had only to pay half rates for motor cars, in the future, according to the new proposals, no such concessions would be made. The medical members of Parliament were most sympathetic and promised to support the views expressed in every way possible. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, in response to the request to receive a deputation to discuss the proposals, has referred the Association to the Minister of Transport, Sir Eric Geddes, and it is hoped, with the assistance of the medical members of Parliament, to arrange an interview with him at an early date.

Increased Postal Rates.

The new postal rates which are shortly to be brought into force in accordance with the announcement of the Chancellor of the Exchequer in his Budget speech will tend seriously to increase the current expenditure of the British Medical Association. The BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL is circulated to members by post and the increase of the minimum charge for postage on Journals sent to addresses within the United Kingdom will entail additional expenditure which may be estimated at not far short of £1,500 a year, if, indeed, it does not exceed that amount. The increase on the postage of letters will affect the departments of the Medical Secretary, the Financial Secretary and Business Manager, and the Editor, taken together, probably to the extent of about £300 a year. The total increase of expenditure of the Association on postage will be therefore about £1,800 a year. The inland rates for printed papers will be increased so soon as the foreign rate can be increased, but this last increase will depend upon the decision of the International Congress which meets at Madrid in October. The charge for inland postcards is also to be raised at the same time to 1½d. Altogether the changes foreshadowed will at a moderate estimate entail upon the Association increased expenditure of at least £2,000 a year.

Hospital Survey.

At the request of the Chairman of the Hospitals Committee, Sir Napier Burnett, K.B.E., Director of Hospitals Service to the Joint Council of the British Red Cross Society and Order of St. John, attended a meeting of the Hospitals Committee held on April 21st to explain the scheme of the British Red Cross Society for assisting the voluntary civil hospitals throughout the country. Sir Napier Burnett said that, as the essential step must be to ascertain the existing facts, he had been engaged upon a hospital survey (excluding London and Scotland) which he hoped to complete by the end of April. It would contain (*a*) data showing the volume of work done during the year 1919 in each individual hospital; (*b*) the financial position of each hospital, showing ordinary income and expenditure, invested funds, annual cost per bed, etc.; and (*c*) maps showing the hospital situation in each county, including the ratio of beds to population. The Joint Council proposed to assist by a public appeal through the press, by an appeal and personal canvass of business firms, through the great national collecting agencies known during the war as "Our Day" organization, by obtaining allocation of percentages wherever gate money is collected at football and cricket matches, race meetings, theatres, music halls, and cinemas. Other points dealt with included those set out in the original statement put out by the Council some months ago—namely, (1) co-operative buying of hospital commodities; (2) co-ordinating of hospitals into groups with a central "key" hospital and smaller county and cottage hospitals in each group, with a working arrangement as to transport of patients, distribution and selection of patients, and centralizing of bacteriological and pathological work; (3) the collection and circulation of statistical and other hospital information; (4) the establishment of pre-hospital and post-hospital convalescent homes.

Control of Salvarsan and Allied Products.

In connexion with paragraph 88 of the Annual Report of the Council, which appeared in the SUPPLEMENT last week, the following letter was addressed to the Ministry

of Health from the Medical Secretary's department of the British Medical Association:

I understand that during the war manufacturers and importers of such products as salvarsan, neo-salvarsan, and other allied products had to obtain a licence from the Board of Trade to suspend enemy patents covering them. In every such licence was a clause imposing the obligation to have every batch tested by an authority approved by the Board. With the signature of peace this power of control became doubtful, but for the time being the control remained effective on manufacturers other than the German patentees. Under the Sankey judgement the latter can now import their products without any obligation for an equivalent control.

The Council of the Association is therefore of the opinion that the position which obtains in this country, where no legal authority exists to enforce the testing of certain potent and dangerous chemical or biological products, commonly used for hypodermic and intravenous injection, but not susceptible of standardization by simple methods of analysis, is unsatisfactory; and urges upon the Ministry the necessity of taking steps to rectify this anomalous position by such legislation or administrative action as will ensure for this country the control of these preparations which already exists in other countries.

The Minister of Health has since appointed a committee "to consider and advise upon the legislative and administrative measures to be taken for the effective control of the quality and authenticity of such therapeutic substances offered for sale to the public as cannot be tested adequately by direct chemical means." The committee consists of the following members:

Sir Mackenzie D. Chalmers, K.C.B., C.S.I. (Chairman).
Dr. H. H. Dale, C.B.E., F.R.S., Head of Department of Biochemistry and Pharmacology under Medical Research Council.
Mr. G. F. McCleary, Medical Officer, Ministry of Health.
Dr. A. B. Maclachlan, Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Health.
Dr. C. J. Martin, C.M.G., D.Sc., F.R.C.P., F.R.S., Director, Lister Institute of Preventive Medicine.
Secretary: Dr. E. W. Adams, O.B.E., Ministry of Health, Whitehall, S.W.1.

The Dispute at Ebbw Vale.

As a result of the conference at Ebbw Vale on April 23rd an agreement was arrived at between the local doctors and the Ebbw Vale Workmen's Medical Society. Practically all the doctors in the Ebbw Vale district are employed by this society, which is an approved institution under the National Insurance Acts. The doctors gave the society notice that their contract would cease on April 1st, 1920, unless the society before that time raised the capitation fee paid for dependants to correspond with the recent increase in the insurance capitation fee. The committee declined to consider the terms suggested by the doctors, who accordingly ceased work as they had said, promising, however, to give attendance in emergencies. The workmen's leader thereupon called the workmen out, as he did not consider they had a sufficient guarantee of attendance in case of accidents, and the consequent dislocation of industry in the neighbourhood aroused much interest throughout Wales. After a few days the doctors agreed to resume work for a month on the old terms, pending a round-table conference between the workmen's committee and the local practitioners, at which the Medical Secretary of the British Medical Association should be present to represent the doctors. It was also arranged that a representative of the Monmouthshire Insurance Committee and a representative of the Welsh Board of Health should be present, not officially but in a friendly capacity. The conference lasted for nearly four hours, and resulted in the following agreement:

All non-insured adult workers to pay 11s. a year instead of 7s. as before; boys between 14 and 16 to pay 7s. a year as before; a sum of 22s. a family a year to be paid instead of 17s.

It was also agreed that a small joint subcommittee, to which the Secretary of the Monmouthshire Insurance Committee would act as adviser, should be set up to work out a plan to ensure that the lists on which the doctors are paid shall be more accurate, and that the administrative arrangements shall not throw any more clerical work on the doctor than is absolutely necessary.

Payment of Medical Staffs of Civil Hospitals for Treatment of Disabled Soldiers and Sailors.

The Hospitals Committee of the Association has requested the Minister of Pensions, Mr. Ian Macpherson, to receive a deputation upon the above subject, when it is proposed to lay before him the views of the Committee as expressed in the following resolution which has been adopted by the Council:

That for all work for sailors and soldiers, whether discharged or not, for any disease or injuries connected with the war, undertaken at voluntary hospitals, the medical staffs should be adequately remunerated. In any case the remuneration should represent an addition of not less than 25 per cent. to the cost of maintenance of in-patients, and not less than 25 per cent. of the ascertained cost per patient per attendance for out-patients, the additional sum to be placed at the disposal of the medical staff; that in the case of special clinics (for example, aural and ophthalmic) the fee payable to the medical practitioner should not be less than the fee payable by the Ministry of Pensions for identical or similar services—namely, £2 2s. per session.

General Association Expenses.

In paragraph 14 of the Annual Report of Council, printed in the SUPPLEMENT of April 24th, it was stated, under the heading "General Association Expenses," that after £6,500 in connexion with the Pratt case had been deducted from the sum disbursed in 1918, the expenses in Abstract A for 1919 still showed a *diminution* of nearly £300 as compared with 1918. As the figures in the abstract of accounts clearly show, there was in fact an increase of £276.

Council Attendances.

In the list of attendances of members of the Central Council of the Association appended to the Annual Report of Council Dr. H. C. Bristowe (Wrington, Somerset) is shown as having attended three out of a possible five meetings. Dr. Bristowe was not a member of the Council at the time of the first meeting, and therefore attended three out of the four meetings to which he was called.

Association Notices.

MEETING OF COUNCIL.

THE next Meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday, May 19th, in the Council Room, 429, Strand London, W.C. 2.

REPRESENTATIVE MEETING.

DATE.

THE Annual Representative Meeting at Cambridge will begin on Friday, June 25th, at 10 a.m.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND AMENDMENT BY DIVISIONS AND BRANCHES.

The Supplementary Report of Council to the Representative Meeting will appear in the SUPPLEMENT of May 29th, 1920.

Notices of Motion and Amendment by Divisions and Branches for consideration by the Annual Representative Meeting will be published in the SUPPLEMENT as they are received, but none can be published later than June 12th, for which purpose they must be received by the Medical Secretary *not later than the first post on Monday, June 7th.*

It will be possible, however, to include in the Agenda for the Annual Representative Meeting all Notices of Motion and Amendment which are received by the Medical Secretary *not later than the first post on Monday, June 14th, 1920.*

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

THE Annual General Meeting will be held at Cambridge on Tuesday, June 29th, 1920, at 2 p.m. Business: (1) Minutes of last Meeting. (2) Appointment of auditors. (3) Report of election of President.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WILLESDEN DIVISION.—Dr. W. Paterson, Honorary Secretary (12, Craven Park Road, N.W.10), gives notice that the annual meeting of the Willesden Division will be held on Tuesday, May 4th, at 8.30, at St. Andrew's Parish Hall (Institute behind Church), High Road, Willesden Green. Agenda: Election of Officers; Fees for Life Insurance Examinations and other business in BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT, March 27th; Report of Council.

MIDLAND BRANCH: LEICESTER AND RUTLAND DIVISION.—Dr. R. Wallace Henry, Honorary Secretary (6, Market Street, Leicester), gives notice that a meeting of the Division will be held in the new Medical Institute Rooms, Public Medical Service Buildings, Bond Street, Leicester, to-day, Saturday, May 1st, at 3.30 o'clock. Agenda: Election of Deputy Representative; Discussion on Appendicitis, to be opened by Dr. T. C. Clare and Mr. W. I. Cumberlidge; Consideration of (1) Fees for Life Insurance, (2) Payment of Medical Staffs of Hospitals for Pensions Work.

EDINBURGH BRANCH: SOUTH-EASTERN COUNTIES DIVISION.—Dr. M. J. Oliver, Honorary Secretary, St. Boswells, gives notice that the annual meeting of the Division will be held in the Railway Hotel, Newton St. Boswells, at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, May 19th. Business: Annual report and accounts; Appointment of Officers; Medical Parliamentary Fund; Local Emergency Schemes; Life Insurance Fees; Instructions to Representatives to Representative Meeting; Fees of Medical Officers to Post Office; Election to Council; Recruitment of Members; Medical Staffs of Hospitals, Pension Work.

Meetings of Branches and Divisions.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: BRADFORD DIVISION.

Dinner and Presentation.

THE annual dinner of the Bradford Division of the Association was held at the Great Northern Victoria Hotel, Bradford, on April 16th. There was a good muster of the medical men of the area and, including guests, eighty-six sat down to dinner.

The chief guest was Sir W. Arbuthnot Lane, Bt., and the Lord Bishop of Bradford and the City Coroner (Mr. Hutchinson) were also present as guests. After the toast of "The King" had been honoured, Mr. BASIL HALL proposed the health of the chief guest in a felicitous and racy speech. Sir ARBUTHNOT LANE, in his reply, thanked the Division for inviting him to attend their dinner as chief guest and said how much pleasure it gave him to be present. In the course of the speech he made a very striking statement to the effect that whenever a certain dictum is universally accepted as being true, it most probably is not so, and he gave as an illustration the old universally accepted idea that cases of cleft palate should never be operated on under 4 years of age, or else the results would be catastrophic. Sir Arbuthnot pointed out that in the face of this he had operated upon infants of only a few weeks, and even days old, with very happy results.

During the course of the evening a presentation of a silver cigar and cigarette box was made by the members of the Division to Dr. J. Beattie Dunlop, the retiring honorary secretary, in recognition of his great services during ten years of office. Dr. OLIVER made the presentation and spoke of Dr. Dunlop's capabilities as a Secretary and of the wonderful fund of varied information which he had amassed. Dr. DUNLOP replied and expressed his gratitude and appreciation of the gift. Mr. COLIN MACKENZIE, O.B.E., sang a humorous song and Dr. H. P. SHACKLETON, O.B.E., gave an exhibition of legerdemain, both of which were greatly appreciated.

INSURANCE.

NEW TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE FOR SCOTLAND.

THE following information has been issued to the Secretaries of Local Medical and Panel Committees in Scotland by the Scottish Secretary of the British Medical Association:

The Conference of Scottish Local Medical and Panel Committees authorized the Insurance Acts Subcommittee to negotiate for new terms of service as from April 1st, 1920, and to accept on behalf of the profession any sum not less than that fixed by the Arbitration Board for England. The Subcommittee met the Board on March 30th and were informed that the Board was prepared to accept the Arbitration Award of 11s., and, acting on the instruction of the Conference, the Subcommittee accepted that offer. The other resolutions passed by the Conference were also discussed with the Board and some of them were accepted by the latter. In respect of others, the Board gave assurances as to their interpretation and scope, which the Subcommittee regard as satisfactory. The points of difference between the Scottish and the English Regulations are few and comparatively unimportant, and, looking to the whole circumstances, the Insurance Acts Subcommittee feels justified in advising the profession to accept the terms and conditions now offered. The Regulations will shortly be available in their final form, and the draft Allocation and Distribution Schemes will be issued soon to Panel Committees by Insurance Committees, in time to allow for full consideration before the new Regulations come into force on July 1st.

Mileage.

A sum of £55,000 has been allotted by the Treasury in respect of mileage in the Lowlands of Scotland for 1920, and in addition the present "Necessitous Districts" Grant will also be continued. The Rural Practitioners Subcommittee has discussed with the Board the various conditions under which the grant will be distributed, and has agreed to the following: Mileage will be paid for all distance beyond two miles; and the inter-areal distribution of the funds will be on a graded scale, allowing an increasing number of units for each mile beyond two. In order to obtain the necessary figures for the calculation, practitioners are to be asked to send in, as soon as possible, on a form to be supplied, particulars as to the distance from the doctor's residence of each insured person on his list. It is recognized that lists are inaccurate, but it may be presumed that the inaccuracy is fairly uniform, and no other basis for distribution is at present available. The Subcommittee therefore urges upon practitioners the necessity of sending in these returns.

With regard to the estimation of the amount of the grant for future years, it is proposed that practitioners participating in the Mileage Grant should keep a record of the miles actually travelled in visiting insured persons. It was originally proposed that these records should be kept by only 10 per cent. of the practitioners, but the Subcommittee, after careful consideration, came to the conclusion that it would be more fair, as well as according a better basis for estimation, to ask all practitioners concerned to keep records. Without some such record, it is quite impossible to base any exact claim for cost and time spent in travelling, and the Subcommittee hopes that practitioners will recognize the necessity of keeping the records carefully. The trouble involved will be compensated if it results in a really equitable mileage payment. It has been agreed upon also that mileage shall be paid on the basis of distance from the doctor of choice, not from the nearest doctor, as at present.

Scottish Office,
6, Rutland Square, Edinburgh,
April 2nd, 1920.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following appointments are announced by the Admiralty:—Surgeon Commanders: W. Bastian to the *Victory* for R. N. Barracks, Portsmouth; C. H. Dawe to the *President*, additional, for Bathurst W.T. Station, in charge; M. T. Male, R. H. McGiffin, O.B.E., J. R. A. Clark Hall, H. M Braithwaite, and G. D. Welsh to the *President* for R. N. College, Greenwich, for three months' senior officer's course; E. S. Miller to the *Warspite*; H. A. Kelloud-Knight to the *Excellent* (temporary). Surgeon Lieutenant (temporary) E. C. W. Cooke to the *Sandhurst*.

ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE.

Surgeon Lieutenant Commanders promoted to Surgeon Commanders: R. J. Willan, O.B E., M.V.O., V.D., A. R. Brailey, F. W. Smith, W. K. Wills, C B.E., R. J. E. Hanson, O B.E., E. J. Steegman, O.B.E., W. B. Betenson, W. D. Cowburn, H. Reah, W. E. Harker, O.B.E. Surgeon Lieutenants promoted to Surgeon Lieutenant Commanders: C. F. H. Atkinson, R. H. H. Jolly, C. S. McK. Murison, T. D. McEwan, T. L. Ellis, G. H. S. Milln, D. A. Macpherson, W. E. Bleadon, L. S. Ashcroft, C. J. G. Taylor, W. P. Harrison, J. R. H. Turton, D. Lorimer, O.B.E., D. P. D. Wilkie, O.B.E., F. S. Hewett, M.V.O., A. E. W. Hird, E. R. Sircom, J. B. Ronaldson, C. O'B. Ryan, T. Turner, T. B. Dixon, H. Chitty, F. H. Watson.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Lieut.-Colonel F. S. Penny, C.M.G., D.S.O., relinquishes the temporary rank of Colonel.

The following relinquish the acting rank of Lieut.-Colonel:—Major and Brevet Lieut.-Colonel C. R. Sylvester-Bradley. Temporary Major A. G. Aspland (on ceasing to command a medical unit). Captain and Brevet Major P. S. Tomlinson, D.S.O. Temporary Captain J. F. Robertson (March 2nd, 1919, substituted for the notification in the *London Gazette* of March 22nd, 1919).

Major E. B Lathbury, O.B.E., and Captain and Brevet Major R. E. Barnsley, M.C., to be acting Lieutenant-Colonels.

The following relinquish the acting rank of Major:—Captain and Brevet Major W. F. Christie. Captains: R. S. Cumming, M.C., H. Bedingfield, and W. B. Rennie, M.C. Temporary Captains M. Bates, O.B.E., Andrew Grant, O.B.E., F. R. Sturridge, M.C., H. G. Kilner, W. D. Cruickshank (November 20th, 1919, substituted for notification in the *London Gazette* of January 24th, 1920). A. E. Atkinson.

To be acting Majors:—Captains D. H. C. MacArthur, O.B.E., S. D. Robertson. Temporary Captain C. R. B. Von Braun.

Captain A. L. Aymer resigns his commission and is granted the rank of Major.

The following officers relinquish their commissions:—Temporary Major T. P. Devlin and retains the rank of Major. Temporary Captain and Brevet Major A. E. Boycott, January 7th, 1919, and retains the brevet rank of Major (substituted for notification in the *London Gazette*, June 20th, 1919). Temporary Captains and are granted the rank of Major: (Acting Major) J. A. Mackenzie, W. C. Sharpe. Captain W. Tudhope on account of ill health contracted on active service and retains the rank of Captain. Temporary Captains and retain the rank of Captain: M. A. Kirton, D. A. H. Moses, M.C., A. G. W. Thomson, H. G. E. Williams, P. J. O'Brien, A. J. Chillingworth, E. W. Blake, J. J. H. Ferguson, M.C., H. E. Gray, S. Wyborn, J. Menton, D. C. Norris, F. W. Rigby, R. B. Robson, D. M. Cox, G. H. F. Graves (on account of ill health contracted on active service), D'A. I. Hamilton (on account of ill health), J. S. Martin, W. L. Thomas, H. O'H. O'Neill, F. G. Cross, K. R. C. Hallowes, E. G. Grove (on ceasing to be employed at the Lord Derby War Hospital), H. J. Knox, F. A. Ross, T. F. Lumb, E. Sakoschansky, E. Lewis, W. Bannatyne, W. Boyd.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

MEDICAL BRANCH.

H. B Porteous (Captain R.A.M.C.T F.) is granted a temporary commission as Captain (October 1st, 1918), and to be acting Major whilst specially employed, October 21st, 1918 (substituted for notification in the *London Gazette*, December 3rd, 1918).

Transferred to the unemployed list:—Captains: P. E. Williams (June 13th, 1919, substituted for notification in the *London Gazette*, July 25th, 1919), H. S. Baker, J. B. Barnett, D. C. Farquharson, A. Thompson, A St. J. Hennessy A. J Davoren, G. McK. Thomas, C. F. Eminson, H. L. H. Greer, W. Lumley, D. J. Cannon, M. Hyman. Lieutenant R. H. Parry.

SPECIAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Captains A. L. Giblin and C. A. Maguire relinquish their commissions on account of ill health contracted on active service, and retain the rank of Captain.

Captains relinquish the acting rank of Major: H. D. Rollinson, O.B.E., M. Stewart, G. H. Stevenson, O.B.E., M.C., J. A. Hill, J. A. Stewart, M.C.

Captain J. P. Bracken to be acting Major from November 11th, 1919, to January 22nd, 1920.

Captain C Lovell, M.C., relinquishes the temporary rank of Major on ceasing to command a medical unit.

OVERSEAS CONTINGENTS.

SOUTH AFRICAN MEDICAL CORPS.

Temporary Captains relinquish their commission on ceasing to be employed, and retain the rank of Captain: P. J. Monaghan, H. J. Hollis.

TERRITORIAL FORCE.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Captain F. W. K. Tough, T.D., to be Major.

3rd London General Hospital.—Captain S. H. Warren relinquishes his commission on account of ill health contracted on active service and retains the rank of Captain.

South Midland Divisional Sanitary Section.—Captain (acting Major) W. H. Davison relinquishes the acting rank of Major on vacating the appointment of D.A.D.M.S., November 15th, 1918.

TERRITORIAL FORCE RESERVE.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

The announcements regarding the following officers, published in the *London Gazette* of the dates indicated, have been cancelled:—Captains: J. R. Chalmers and B. G. Ewing (December 31st, 1918), R. W. Nevin, G. Eustace, M.C., W. S. Forbes, J. D. Lickley, and J. Fenton (January 14th, 1919), T. H. Peyton, D.S.O., M.C (January 16th and March 4th, 1919), A. H. Pinder (January 13th, 1919), T. J. Thomson, T. L. Ashforth, J. Gutch, and A. Mowat (January 9th, 1919), H. C. H. Bracey (January 18th, 1919), C. S. Brebner, D.S.O. (January 10th and February 6th, 1919), (acting Major) W. H. Davison (December 17th, 1918), N. Gebbie (January 23rd and February 5th, 1919), F. Harvey (January 16th, 1919), W. J. Lacy-Hickey, M.C. (January 22nd, 1919), W. Bailey-Thomson (April 22nd, 1920), (acting Major) L. A. Dingley (January 11th, 1919), J. F. Dixon (May 11th, 1917).

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

The services of Major H. R. Dutton have been placed permanently at the disposal of the Government of Bihar and Orissa with effect from November 4th, 1919.

Captain R. B. Lloyd, M.B., appointed to officiate as Chemical Examiner, Bengal and Professor of Chemistry in the Medical College, Calcutta.

Major F. A. Barker, M.B., O.B.E., Senior Medical Officer and Civil Surgeon, Port Blair, appointed to hold charge of the office of Superintendent of the Cellular and Female Gaols, Port Blair.

Brevet Lieut.-Colonel T. S. B. Williams granted combined leave for eight months.

Major-General P. Hehir, C.B., C.M.G., C.I.E., M.D., F.R.C.S.E., permitted to retire from the service with effect from December 8th, 1919.

DIARY OF SOCIETIES AND LECTURES.

RÖNTGEN SOCIETY, 11, Chandos Street, W.1.—Tuesday, 8.15 p.m., Special General Meeting. Professor Sidney Russ: Some Problems in the Action of Radiation upon Tissues.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.—*Subsection of Orthopaedics (Section of Surgery)*: Tuesday, 5 p.m., Cases; 5.30 p.m., Annual General Meeting. *Section of Surgery*: Wednesday, 4.30 p.m., Specimens; 5.30 p.m., Annual General Meeting. *Section of Obstetrics and Gynaecology* (conjointly with the North of England and Midland Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society): Thursday, 10.30 a.m., Discussion on Treatment of Ante-partum Haemorrhage, to be opened by Dr. Hastings Tweedy; 2 p.m., Annual General Meeting, followed by discussion on Rupture of the Caesarean Section Scar in Subsequent Pregnancy and Labour, to be opened by Dr. Munro Kerr and Dr. Eardley Holland; 7.30 p.m., dinner at Great Central Hotel (tickets 10s. 6d.). *Section of Laryngology*: Friday, 4 p.m., Cases; 4.45 p.m., Annual General Meeting.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

MANCHESTER FRENCH HOSPITAL.—Thursday, 4.30 p.m., Dr. N. C. Haring: Diagnosis of Pneumonia and Conditions Simulating It.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Tuesday, 4.30 p.m., Mr. J. P. Buckley: Some Practical Points on Lower Limb Stumps and Artificial Limbs.

ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL, Southwark, S.E.—Tuesday, 5 p.m., Mr. Cargill: Syphilis of the Eye.

ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST, City Road, E.C.—Tuberculosis:—Monday, 5 p.m., Dr. H. E. Symes Thomson: Historical. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 5 p.m., Dr. W. E. C. Dickson: Bacteriology and Pathology.

SALFORD ROYAL HOSPITAL.—Thursday, 4.30 p.m., Mr. Smalley: Examination of the Ear, Throat, and Nose in General Practice.

SHEFFIELD ROYAL HOSPITAL.—Wednesday, 4 p.m., Professor Arthur Hall: Gall Stones.

WEST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Hammersmith, W.—Daily, 10 a.m., Ward Visits; 2 p.m., In-patient, Out-patient Clinics and Operations. Monday, 2 p.m., Dr. Granger Stewart: Out-patients; 5 p.m., Dr. Morton: X-Ray Therapy. Tuesday, 10 a.m., Dr. Robinson: Gynaecological Operations; 5 p.m., Dr. Pernet: Lupus and Syphilis. Wednesday, 11.30 a.m., Mr. MacDonald: Cystoscopy; 5 p.m. Dr. Beddard: Practical Medicine. Thursday, 10.30 a.m., Dr. Simson: Gynaecology; 5 p.m., Mr. Bishop Harman: Cataract. Friday, 2.30 p.m., Mr. Addison: Surgical Cases; 5 p.m., Sir R. Armstrong-Jones: Mental Disease. Saturday, 10 a.m., Dr. Arthur Saunders: Diseases of Children; 12 noon, Mr. Sinclair: Surgical Anatomy of Abdomen.

British Medical Association.

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4 Tues. London: Scrutiny Subcommittee, 2 30 p.m.
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5 Wed. London: Medico-Political Committee, 2 p.m.

6 Thurs. London: Dominions Committee, 3 p.m.

11 Tues. Buckingham Division, Aylesbury: Lecture by Sir James Galloway, K.B.E., C.B.

17 Mon. **Last day for receipt of Nominations for Council.**

19 Wed. London: **Council.**
South-Eastern Counties Division, Edinburgh Branch, Annual meeting, Railway Hotel, Newtown St. Boswells, 3 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS.

BARLOW, H. Cecil, M.B.Lond., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., Honorary Physician to the Lincoln County Hospital.

COFFIN, S. W., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Anaesthetist to the Hospital for Diseases of the Throat, Golden Square.

DUPRÉ, Frances Jane (Mrs.), M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., Assistant Medical Officer of Health for the County Borough of Oldham, Lancashire.

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FARNFIELD.—On April 14th, the wife of J. S. Farnfield, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., 187, Ashburnham Road, Hastings, of a son.

ORR-EWING.—On April 17th, at Heathfield, Broad Clyst, nr. Exeter, the wife of Archd. Orr-Ewing, M.A., M.B.Cantab., of a son.

MARRIAGE.

SUNDERLAND—BROWN.—At St. Leonard's Parish Church, Ayr, on April 14th, by the Rev. John Ellis, B.D., assisted by the Rev. A. Crawshaw, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, R. A. S. Sunderland, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., son of the Rev. S. Sunderland, Muswell Hill, to Annie Brown, daughter of the late John Brown of Rugian, Kilkerran, Ayrshire, and Mrs. Brown, 8, Wattfield Road, Ayr.

DEATHS.

GILL.—On April 16th, suddenly, at Shaftesbury House, Formby, near Liverpool, in his forty-second year, Eustace Stanley Hayes Gill, M.B., Ch.B.Liverp., the dearly loved husband of Edith Mary Gill, and the well beloved and only son of Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Gill.

SAUNDERS.—On April 19th, at 19, Devonshire Place, Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne, the residence of his son, Dr. W. E. Roper Saunders, William Saunders, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.M.S.S.A.Lond.

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